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SUBJECT: VISIT OF J.S. TARKA TO U.S.

FOR HOWARD WALKER AF/W

1. RECENTLY RESIGNED FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNICATIONS INFORMED ME AUGUST 25 HE IS PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. HE EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR LONDON AUGUST 28 AND TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK BY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER.

2. ACCORDING TARKA PURPOSE OF VISIT TWOFOLD:
FIRST, HE HAS INCORPORATED NEW HOLDING COMPANY IN LAGOS CALLED JAYES (PRONOUNCED J.S.) AND IS SEEKING U.S. CLIENTS TO REPRESENT. TARKA CLAIMS HE CAN OBTAIN OIL CONCESSIONS AND WISHES TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF STANDARD OIL, CALIFORNIA, AMOCO, AND SUPERIOR OIL.

3. TARKA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET SOME KEY CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES. HE FEELS "SOME MISTAKES WERE MADE" WHICH AFFECTED U.S.-NIGERIA RELATIONS, AND BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. AS "THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD" AND NIGERIA AS "THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN AFRICA" SHOULD ENJOY GOOD RELA-

TIONS WHILE PRESERVING NIGERIA'S NON-ALIGNED STANCE. HE IS CONCERNED THAT NIGERIA MAY BECOME TOO COZY WITH SOVIETS. HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SENATOR HUMPHREY, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND SENATOR KENNEDY.

4. AS DEPT AWARE, TARKA IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE IN NIGERIA AND TOURED U.S. EXTENSIVELY DURING NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR IN EFFORT TO GIVE FMG SIDE OF STORY. IF IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE CONGRESSIONAL CALLS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED, SUGGEST APPOINTMENTS WITH TWO OR THREE OTHER CONGRESSMEN KNOWLEDGE-ABLE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

5. IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS, SUGGEST CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR GARBA WHO TARKA SAYS WILL BE INFORMED OF HIS ITINERARY. TARKA CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH NIGERIAN MISSION TO UN AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN N.Y.
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